

## Focus on Telecom 2009 & JFMMA

The current development experienced by mobile technologies, telecommunications networks, wireless technologies for civil and military applications, multimedia networks and the internet, requires continuous innovation in these areas.

Today, microwaves are used in other vital civilian sectors namely: remote sensing, localisation, earth observation, microwave heating, dielectric characterisation, and other industrial and medical applications. It is therefore clear that microwaves will play an important role in the development of new technologies. It is within this context that the international symposium “Telecom 2009 and 7th French-Maghreb Days of Microwave and their Applications” takes place to make state of the art recommendations for future research and applications in the afore mention areas.

We have always enriched the symposium by introducing other research topics, for example nanotechnology (2007) and transportation safety and organic electronics in this current edition.

Since their creation in 1996, these conferences have been very successful in allowing scientists working in areas involving microwaves, optoelectronics and increasingly in nanoelectronics, to exchange their research results. In addition, these events have established regular contacts between researchers from the northern and southern Mediterranean. This has undoubtedly fostered new collaborations both at the research and training level. By organising the seventh edition in Agadir, one of our main objectives is to strengthen cooperation between researchers from France, North Africa and francophone countries in general. The idea is to contribute, at our modest place, to the increase in exchange of experiences in science, technology and human resources between the northern and southern countries. We bring our modest contribution to the advent of the Union for the Mediterranean.

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